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1. An apparatus comprising:

a passive call block assistant configured to send a false ringing indication to a caller.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a call manager configured to identify caller identification information.

3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the call manager is configured to match the caller identification information with an entry in a caller database.

4. A method comprising:

receiving a call from a caller, the call including caller identification information;

sending a false ringing indication to the caller when the caller identification information matches an entry in a caller database.

5. The method of claim 4, further comprising:

accepting the call when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database.

6. The method of claim 4, further comprising:

prompting a subscriber to block the call when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database.

7. The method of claim 6, further comprising:

accepting the call when the subscriber does not block the call after being prompted.

8. The method of claim 6, further comprising:

sending the false ringing indication to the caller when the subscriber blocks the call after being prompted.

9. The method of claim 4, wherein the call is a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Invite.

10. The method of claim 4, wherein the false ringing indication is a Session Initiation Protocol 180 Ringing.

11. The method of claim 9, further comprising:

responding to the SIP Invite with a SIP 100 Trying.

12. The method of claim 9, further comprising:

receiving a SIP Cancel.

13. A method comprising:

receiving a call from a caller, the call including caller identification information;

accepting the call when the caller identification information matches an entry in a caller database.

14. The method of claim 13, further comprising:

sending a false ringing indication to the caller when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database.

15. The method of claim 13, further comprising:

prompting a subscriber to accept the call when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database.

16. The method of claim 15, further comprising:

sending a false ringing indication to the caller when the subscriber does not accept the call after being prompted.

17. The method of claim 15, further comprising:

accepting the call when the subscriber accepts the call after being prompted.

18. The method of claim 13, wherein the call is a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Invite.

19. The method of claim 14, wherein the false ringing indication is a Session Initiation Protocol 180 Ringing.

20. The method of claim 18, further comprising:

responding to the SIP Invite with a SIP 100 Trying.

21. The method of claim 18, further comprising:

receiving a SIP Cancel.

22. A computer-readable medium encoded with data and instructions, the data and instructions causing an apparatus executing the instructions to:

match caller identification information with an entry in a caller database;

send a false ringing indication to a caller when the caller identification information matches the entry in the caller database.

23. The computer-readable medium of claim 22, the instructions further comprising:

accepting the call when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database.

24. The computer-readable medium of claim 22, the instructions further comprising:

prompting a subscriber to block the call when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database.

25. The computer-readable medium of claim 24, the instructions further comprising:

accepting the call when the subscriber does not block the call after being prompted.

26. The computer-readable medium of claim 24, the instructions further comprising:

sending the false ringing indication to the caller when the subscriber blocks the call after being prompted.

27. The computer-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the call is a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Invite.

28. The computer-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the false ringing indication is a Session Initiation Protocol 180 Ringing.

29. The computer-readable medium of claim 27, the instructions further comprising: responding to the SIP Invite with a SIP 100 Trying.

30. The computer-readable medium of claim 27, the instructions further comprising: receiving a SIP Cancel.

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31. A computer-readable medium encoded with data and instructions, the data and instructions causing an apparatus executing the instructions to:

match caller identification information with an entry in a caller database;

accept a call when the caller identification information matches the entry in the caller database.

32. The computer-readable medium of claim 31, the instructions further comprising: sending a false ringing indication to the caller when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database.

33. The computer-readable medium of claim 31, the instructions further comprising: prompting a subscriber to accept the call when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database.

34. The computer-readable medium of claim 33, the instructions further comprising: sending a false ringing indication to the caller when the subscriber does not accept the call after being prompted.

35. The computer-readable medium of claim 33, the instructions further comprising: accepting the call when the subscriber accepts the call after being prompted.

36. The computer-readable medium of claim 31, wherein the call is a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Invite.

37. The computer-readable medium of claim 32, wherein the false ringing indication is a Session Initiation Protocol 180 Ringing.

38. The computer-readable medium of claim 36, the instructions further comprising: responding to the SIP Invite with a SIP 100 Trying.

39. The computer-readable medium of claim 36, the instructions further comprising: receiving a SIP Cancel.

40. An apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a call from a caller, the call including caller identification information;

means for sending a false ringing indication to the caller when the caller identification information matches an entry in a caller database.

41. The apparatus of claim 40, further comprising:

means for accepting the call when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database.

42. The apparatus of claim 40, further comprising:

means for prompting a subscriber to block the call when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database.

43. The apparatus of claim 42, further comprising:

means for accepting the call when the subscriber does not block the call after being prompted.

44. The apparatus of claim 42, further comprising:

means for sending the false ringing indication to the caller when the subscriber blocks the call after being prompted.

45. The apparatus of claim 40, wherein the call is a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Invite.

46. The apparatus of claim 40, wherein the false ringing indication is a Session Initiation Protocol 180 Ringing.

47. The apparatus of claim 45, further comprising:

means for responding to the SIP Invite with a SIP 100 Trying.

48. The apparatus of claim 45, further comprising:

means for receiving a SIP Cancel.

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49. An apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a call from a caller, the call including caller identification information;

means for accepting the call when the caller identification information matches an entry in a caller database.

50. The apparatus of claim 49, further comprising:

means for sending a false ringing indication to the caller when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database.

51. The apparatus of claim 49, further comprising:

means for prompting a subscriber to accept the call when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database.

52. The apparatus of claim 51, further comprising:

means for sending a false ringing indication to the caller when the subscriber does not accept the call after being prompted.

53. The apparatus of claim 51, further comprising:

means for accepting the call when the subscriber accepts the call after being prompted.

54. The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the call is a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Invite.

55. The apparatus of claim 50, wherein the false ringing indication is a Session Initiation Protocol 180 Ringing.

56. The apparatus of claim 54, further comprising:

means for responding to the SIP Invite with a SIP 100 Trying.

57. The apparatus of claim 54, further comprising:

means for receiving a SIP Cancel.

58. An apparatus comprising:

a communication interface for receiving a call from a caller;

a processor configured to send a false ringing indication to the caller.